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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicants DeBenedetti, Arrigo, *et al.* : Docket No: 101611/507550
Serial No. 10/718,163 : Group Art Unit: 1635
Filed: November 20, 2003 : Examiner: J. Angell
For: **CANCER GENE THERAPY BASED ON TRANSLATIONAL CONTROL OF A
SUICIDE GENE**

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132**Mail Stop Amendment**

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This declaration under 37 CFR Sec. 1.132 is supportive of the Amendment and Response filed herewith. I, Arrigo DeBenedetti, declare and say:

1. That I am a citizen of Italy, permanent resident of the U.S., and that I am one of the co-inventors in the above-referenced patent application; that I have been employed by Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport since 1992, that I have been Associate Professor in the Biochemistry Department since 1998, and I was and still am, engaged in a research program in the field of cancer treatment and particularly dysregulation of protein synthesis.
2. That I am familiar with the above-identified patent application Ser. No. 10/718,163, that I have reviewed the May 1, 2007, Office Action in the above captioned case, and that I am familiar with the following references cited by the Examiner: DeFatta. (Dissertation; catalog and placed on the shelf March 20, 2001).
3. That the inventorship of the current application is correct and that the DeFatta dissertation reference cited by the Examiner discloses subject matter derived from both myself and Robert J. DeFatta as co-inventors and not solely invented by the listed author of the publication notwithstanding the authorship of the article.
4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Further declarant sayeth not.

Arrigo DeBenedetti
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10-25-07
Date